

## LITERARY NOTES.

Sixty copies of *Scribner's Monthly* are in daily use in one of the schools at Bath, Maine.

A benevolent gentleman of Philadelphia has ordered twenty copies of *Scribner's Monthly* for the year, to be sent to the Eastern Penitentiary in that city.

New books by Mary J. Holmes, John Esten Cooke, Jos. Billings, Isaac Forn, A. S. Roe, Marion Harland, Octavia E. Karr, Frank Pomeroy, Richard B. Kimball, and Algernon Swinburne, are announced this season by Carleton, who has admitted in partnership Mr. G. W. Dillingham, under the firm of G. W. Carleton & Co.

Macmillan & Co. announce as in press a new volume by Canon Kingsley, under the title of "At Last; or, A Christian in the West Indies," with numerous illustrations; a series of "Essays," selected from Prof. Huxley's "Lay Sermons." Addresses, "Reviews," "The Works of Virgil," rendered into English prose, with notes and analysis, and index, by James Lonsdale, M. A., and Samuel Lee, M. A., forming the new volume of "Macmillan's Globe Library."

A few weeks ago Messrs. Scribner & Co. announced their general custom in dealing with English authors whose works they have republished, remitted Mr. Prout a draft for a liberal amount, in acknowledgement of his interest in the American editions of his "Histories of England."

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## New Publications.

**D. APPLETON & CO., New York,** publish

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**AN ACCOUNT OF THE RECENT EXCAVATIONS AND DISCOVERIES IN THE HOLY CITY.** By Capt. Wiles, R. E., and Capt. Warren, R. W. With an introductory chapter by Dean Stanley. Cloth, \$10. With 300 illustrations. Price, \$2.50.

"That this volume may bring home to the English public some definite knowledge of what the Palestine Exploration Fund is doing, and hopes to do, than can be gathered from partially related reports, or from popular lectures, must be the drift of every one who judges the Bible to be the most precious, as the most profound book in the world, and who deems nothing small or unimportant that shall tend to throw light upon its meaning, and to remove the obscurities which time and distance have caused to rest upon some of its pages."—[Globe.]

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**THE DESCENT OF MAN, AND SELECTIONS IN RELATION TO SEX.**

By CHARLES DARWIN, M. A., F. R. S., &c. With Illustrations. Vol. I. 12mo. Cloth, \$2.50. Price, \$2. Vol. 2 in press, and will appear

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